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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF GUATEMALA FOR  
CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
2. The premises of origin has been free of clinical signs of leukosis for the past 12 months prior to export.
3. The premises of origin has been free of clinical evidence of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR) for the past 90 days prior to export.
4. The animals on this certificate were vaccinated for anthrax between 30 and 180 days prior to embarkation. (Note the date and vaccine type on the health certificate).

OR

No outbreak of anthrax has occurred on the farm of origin of these animals nor within a 25 mile radius of the herd of origin during the 3 years prior to embarkation.

5. The animals (over 3 months of age) were vaccinated against blackleg and malignant edema between 30 and 180 days prior to embarkation. (Note the date and type of vaccine on the health certificate).
6. The animals were treated for internal and external parasites between 15-30 days prior to embarkation. (Note the date and products used on the health certificate).
7. The animals were isolated at least 30 days prior to embarkation under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests within 30 days of embarkation:

1. Tuberculosis - intradermal caudal fold test with PPD bovine tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis - vaccinated animals: complement fixation test (CF) at a 1:10 dilution (vaccinated dairy animals less than 20 months of age and vaccinated beef animals less than 24 months of age are not required to be tested).  
nonvaccinated animals: standard tube test at 1:50 dilution (all nonvaccinated animals are to be tested regardless of age).
3. Leptospirosis - microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *L. pomona*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. canicola* OR vaccination between 15 and 180 days prior to embarkation. (Note the date and product used on

the health certificate).

4. Paratuberculosis - intradermal johnin test OR CF test at 1:8 dilution.
5. Trichomoniasis and Vibriosis - culture of vaginal mucus or preputial smegma. No test is required if the animals were bred by AI; or if animals are virgin)
6. Bovine leukosis - Agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID); or ELISA test.
7. Vaccination is required for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR) and bovine virus diarrhea (BVD) with a modified live virus or a killed injectable vaccine. All vaccinations will be done between 15 and 180 days prior to embarkation. (Note the date and product used on the health certificate).

#### EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.